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CITY TALK

**Tune in to City Talk today on WGCV
620 AM from 5 - 6 p.m. to hear:**

5:00 p.m.– 5:20 p.m.

Guest: Ernest “Brick” Lewis, Public Information Officer, Columbia Fire Department

Topics: Pet Rescues and Wagn’N O2 Fur Life Donations

5:20 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.

Guest: Lee Thompson, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Recreation, Parks & Recreation

Topic: Youth Soccer Program

5:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Guest: Jada L. Hubbard, Wellness Manager, Drew Wellness Center

Topic: SilverSneakers Senior Program at Drew Wellness Center



NEWS

SILVERSNEAKERS SENIOR PROGRAM AT DREW WELLNESS CENTER

The City of Columbia's Charles R. Drew Wellness Center is proud to announce its partnership with the Healthways SilverSneakers fitness program for senior citizens. The SilverSneakers program offers a fitness club membership at low or no additional cost to the Drew Wellness Center and other facilities throughout the country through certain Medicare programs.

Drew Wellness Center offers group exercise classes for all fitness levels, an indoor heated pool, fitness equipment, full sized basketball court, locker rooms and showers. For class schedules or more information on our amenities, please visit drewwellnesscenter.com. Make Drew Wellness Center your headquarters for fitness and let SilverSneakers help you get fit your way!



CHARLES R.

DREW

Wellness Center

Find participating health plans at silversneakers.com or call 1-888-423-4632. You can also contact your health care provider.



THE 41ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF POLICE CHAPLAINS



The Columbia Police Department, Florence Police Department, Lexington County Sheriff's Office, Lexington Police Department and the Richland County Sheriff's Department are joining the International Conference of Police Chaplains to host and sponsor the 41st Annual International Conference of Police Chaplains Training Seminar (ATS) at the Columbia Marriot July 14-18, 2014.

The five-day event welcomes more than 340 law enforcement chaplains from South Carolina and across the world. This year's theme is called "Equipping Chaplains to Serve" and the forty training sessions will allow chaplains to hone their skills in pastoral care ministry.

Past conferences have been held in Alabama, California, Tennessee, Texas, Michigan, Washington State and Jamaica.

For a more detailed list of ATS events, please visit: www.icpc2014ats.org.

COLUMBIA FIREFIGHTERS RESCUE CAT FROM STRUCTURE FIRE WITH PET OXYGEN KIT

Columbia Fire Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins recently announced that during a residential structure fire on Tryon St., in the Olympia community, fire crews rescued an unresponsive cat with one of their Wagn'N O2 Fur Life® pet oxygen kits.

Columbia Firefighters removed the cat, began chest compressions and administered oxygen using a Wagn'N O2 Fur Life® pet oxygen kit that was donated to the department. This and many other pet rescues are successful with specialized pet kits like the ones from Wagn'N O2 Fur Life® that have been donated to the Columbia Fire Department from citizens of the City of Columbia and Richland County.



In November 2012, Columbia Fire Department partnered with two Columbia citizens and the Wagn'N O2 Fur Life® Program. This partnership created a way for others to donate pet oxygen kits to CFD.

Wagn'N O2 Fur Life was established in 2008 and has been providing these kits to fire departments through direct, sponsorship/gift and fellowship programs. The kits are \$75 and contain specially designed animal oxygen masks and other valuable materials that aide firefighters when they encounter a conscious or unconscious pet.

The Columbia Fire Department encourages you to visit www.petoxygenmasks.org to learn more about the Wag'N O2 Fur Life® Program and how to donate lifesaving pet oxygen kits to the Columbia Fire Department.

To donate go the website, www.petoxygenmasks.org then choose METHOD #2 to sponsor and under Choose Options select A Fire Department and under Department Information make sure you type in Columbia SC Fire Department.

SCE&G TO PERFORM TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES AS SCHEDULED FOR 2014

SCE&G will perform tree trimming activities along overhead utility lines in the following neighborhoods for the next two weeks:

Belmont
College Place
Gabel Oaks
Northwood Hills Organization
Lake Katherine
POA of Lake Katherine
Heyward Park Neighborhood
Crosshill Neighborhood
Kilbourne Park Neighborhood Association
Heathwood Park Neighborhood



The trimming will be completed by SCE&G contractors and work will be closely monitored on a daily basis by the City's 4 Certified Arborists from the Forestry and Beautification Division.

The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service. SCE&G reports an 89% improvement in reliability in vegetation related outages in areas where trimming is completed compared to a year ago. The trimming guidelines include removing vegetation within 8-12 feet below and beside the power lines and up to 20 feet above the power lines.

SCE&G and their contractors trim in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines, using ANSI A300 pruning methods leaving good cuts that will generate new growth.

For more information about SCE&G's tree trimming efforts, including helpful tips and suggestions regarding the planting of trees and other vegetation, visit www.sceg.com/treetrimming.

VISIT THE PARK OF THE WEEK:

SOUTH EAST PARK AND TENNIS CENTER

South East Park and Tennis Center

951 Hazelwood Road
803-730-8507

South East Park and Tennis Center is the city's newest and largest public outdoor tennis facility. Located off of Garners Ferry Road and just two miles east of I-77, the facility features a picnic shelter, walking trails, playfield and disc golf.



The 62-acre park also boasts a beautiful lake and tree landscape as well as 14 additional tennis courts.

For more information, please visit <http://www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation>.

MEET THE PET OF THE WEEK: TYRA!

Meet Tyra (ID # A201984)

Tyra is a mature and easy going dog. She is a chow mix that wants to share her warm spirit with a loving family. Tyra has been spayed and micro-chipped. She is a calm and gentle who loves spending time with people. Come by and visit Tyra today!

Visit Tyra and other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit www.columbiasc.net/animal-services or call 803-776-PETS for more information.



All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit Petfinder.com. Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.

CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	DEADLINES FOR AGENDA ITEMS
July 15	WORK SESSION / COUNCIL MEETING / ZPH	July 2
August 5	WORK SESSION	July 25

- The Columbia City Design/Development Review Commission will conduct a meeting **Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.** at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.
- The Columbia City Council will conduct a work session on **Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 2 p.m.** at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.
- The Columbia City Council will conduct a meeting and a Zoning Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 6 p.m.** at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.

For additional information regarding the City Council meetings, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 803-545-3045.



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